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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2001, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the President protempore [Mr. BYRD].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Generous, gracious God, as we begin this work week, the Psalmist's words give wings to our gratitude: "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation." You lift the load of our concerns and load us with Your benefits. You care about what concerns us. The benefits You provide are for the work You guide. You never give us more to do than You will help us accomplish. You are for us and not against us. In response, we open our minds to think Your thoughts, our emotions to express Your empathy, our wills to do Your will, and our bodies to be rejuvenated by Your energizing Spirit.

Bless the Senators with a positive attitude to the challenges of this day and the week ahead. You love this Nation and want to provide these leaders with exactly what they will need to lead with excellence. Guide them as they discern what is Your best for our Nation and courageously vote their convictions. Enable communication between the parties so that this will be a week of progress. Thank You in advance for the benefits of Your love, strength, discernment, and wisdom You will pour into the minds and hearts of the Senators. We press on with expectancy. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada, Mr. REID.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. As the Chair has announced, the morning business hour will continue until 2 p.m. today. At 2 p.m., the Senate will resume consideration of the Defense authorization bill.

Mr. President, cloture was filed on the DOD bill last week. All first-degree amendments must be filed before 1 p.m. today and all second-degree amendments must be filed before 9:45 a.m. Tuesday. I would advise Members and staff if they have filed their amendments already, there is no need to refile them.

There will be no rollcall votes today. The next rollcall vote will occur at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, on cloture on the DOD authorization bill.

There is lots of work to do. The majority leader has asked me to announce that we have the DOD bill we need to finish. We are close to having some final numbers on the appropriations bills so we can do those conferences that are so badly needed and complete the other appropriations bills. We have the airport safety matter we must work on as quickly as possible. There is work we have to do on helping those employees who have been displaced as a result of the incident on September 11

We have an antiterrorism bill the Judiciary Committee has been working on all weekend. Senators HATCH and LEAHY have literally been working on that all weekend. They hope to have something for us in the next few days, perhaps as early as tomorrow.

So there are lots of things to do. We are going to need the cooperation of all Senators to get them done as quickly as possible. The continuing resolution will go for the next 2 weeks. We very much hope by that time we will have been able to complete the normal appropriations process or at least work our way toward that end.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

